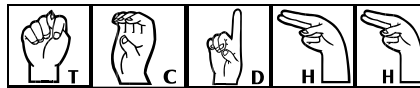


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From the Director's Desk — Thom Roberts



Autumn is a season of changing colors. The leaves turn from a vibrant green to yellow, orange, and red. It's amazing how many colors one tree can have. Each leaf is different from the next, yet they still come from the same tree. The diversity of colors, like the diversity of people, makes for a beautiful picture.

I've met many people with varying degrees of hearing. Some have been hearing since birth, some lost their hearing when young due to an illness. Some had partial hearing at birth and then lost all of it later. Others have never heard a sound. We all shine in different colors like an autumn tree.

Just like the colorful leaves on a tree, we are all different. Let's not only see our differences but also see what we have in common: a need for communication! Try your best to give clear and effective communication. After all, everyone stems from the same tree of life!



COUNCIL MEMBERS

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History of Daylight Time in the U.S.



In 2009, daylight time begins on March 8 and ends on November 1.

Although standard time in [time zones](#) was instituted in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads in 1883, it was not established in U.S. law until the Act of March 19, 1918, sometimes called the Standard Time Act. The act also established daylight saving time, a contentious idea then. Daylight saving time was repealed in 1919, but standard time in time zones remained in law. Daylight time became a local matter. It was re-established nationally early in World War II, and was continuously observed from February 9, 1942 to September 30, 1945. After the war its use varied among states and localities. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provided standardization in the dates of beginning and end of daylight time in the U.S. but allowed for local exemptions from its observance. The act provided that daylight time begin on the last Sunday in April and end on the last Sunday in October, with the changeover to occur at 2 a.m. local time.

During the "energy crisis" years, Congress enacted earlier starting dates for daylight time. In 1974, daylight time began on 6 January and in 1975 it began on 23 February. After those two years the starting date reverted back to the last Sunday in April. In 1986, a law was passed that shifted the starting date of daylight time to the first Sunday in April, beginning in 1987. The ending date of daylight time was not subject to such changes, and remained the last Sunday in October. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed both the starting and ending dates. Beginning in 2007, daylight time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the **first Sunday in November**.



Introductions (& Congratulations)



Kathy Simmons joined the Jackson Center for Independent Living staff as interpreter on July 27th. Kathy replaced Michele Bishop who has left to attend UALR in Little Rock in order to obtain her degree in Sign Language Interpreting. Welcome Kathy!

Summer Chappell of Bartlett was voted President of the Tennessee Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf on May 9. Welcome Summer!

Jessica Harrison, with Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Johnson City, was elected Vice President of Northeast Tennessee Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Congratulations Jessica!



Fire Prevention, Fire Alarms and Smoke Detectors

National Fire Prevention week is October 4 -10.

Each year, fires cause numerous deaths and millions of dollars in loss of property. About half of all fires are caused by carelessness or lack of common sense.

Sixty-three percent of reported home fire deaths happened in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms, with 1/3 of home fires and deaths occurring in December, January and February.

Remember to check the battery in your smoke detectors and replace worn out batteries promptly. Some local fire departments provide smoke detectors to individuals in need. If you do not have a smoke detector, check with your local fire department about obtaining one.

Fire Prevention Week 2009 focuses on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of home fires. For more information: www.nfpa.org

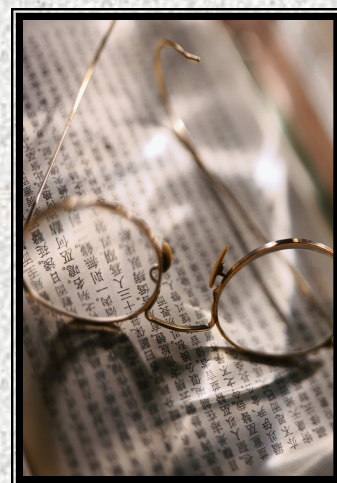


TCDHH Council Highlights

August 14, 2009



- The Division of Rehabilitation Services welcomes Terri Rice, the first ever Rehabilitation Teacher who is Deaf-Blind. Terri is working out of the Chattanooga office.
- The Division of Rehabilitation Services began a new wait list on September 2, 2009. All new cases that are not Priority Category 1 will now go on the wait list, as will current cases in Priority Categories 2 and 3 that did not have a signed Individualized Plan of Employment (IPE) as of September 2, 2009.
- TeamEffort of Gainesville, Georgia and its high school missionaries "adopted" Knoxville Center for the Deaf. In addition to renovating nine homes in the Deaf-Blind community, the organization painted, built picnic tables, and built a large storage shed.
- On March 4, 2010, the Nashville Public Library is planning to hold its sixth annual Career Day at the library for middle and high school Deaf and Hard of Hearing students.



TCDHH Executive Director's Activities



May

- 8 & 9 Tennessee Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Annual Conference
- 14 Traveled to Columbia VR Office to reset their TTY
- 21 Met with Doug Hardman of the National Deaf Academy
- 22 Presented at the MegaConference



June

- 2 Presented at the Emergency Preparedness Meeting
- 3 & 4 TN Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council
- 5 TTY and Relay Training given at Disability Determination Services
- 18-21 National Hearing Loss Association of America Conference



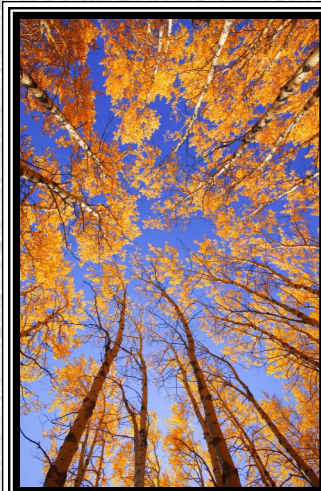
July

- 9-11 44th Biennial Tennessee Association of the Deaf Conference



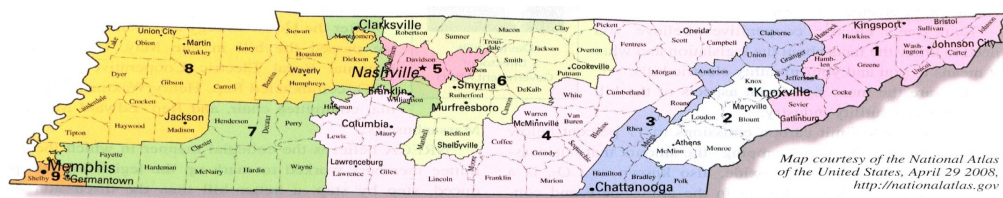
August

- 1-7 National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Biennial Conference



Autumn

How to contact U.S. Representatives / Senators



Tennessee's U.S. House Members

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| District 1 Rep. Phil Roe
Washington: 202-225-6356
Morristown: 423-254-1400 | District 4 Rep. Lincoln Davis
Washington: 202-225-6831
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Washington: 202-225-2811
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Knoxville: 865-523-3772 | District 5 Rep. Jim Cooper
Washington: 202-225-4311
Nashville: 615-736-5295 | District 8 Rep. John Tanner
Washington: 202-225-4714
Union City: 731-885-7070 |
| District 3 Rep. Zach Wamp
Washington: 202-225-3271
Chattanooga: 423-756-2342 | District 6 Rep. Bart Gordon
Washington: 202-225-4231
Murfreesboro: 615-896-1986 | District 9 Rep. Steve Cohen
Washington: 202-225-3265
Memphis: 901-544-4131 |

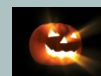
Tennessee's U.S. Senators

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| Sen. Lamar Alexander
Washington: 202-224-4944 | Sen. Bob Corker
Washington: 202-224-3344 |
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Did You Know?

Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6.9 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday.

Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. It began as a Celtic end-of-summer festival during which people felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends. For these friendly spirits, they set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world.



Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS)

ADWAS provides comprehensive services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. ADWAS believes that violence is a learned behavior and envisions a world where violence is not tolerated.

ADWAS was founded in 1986 and is located in Seattle, Washington. The ADWAS model has been replicated in 19 Deaf communities across the United States.

ADWAS established the nation's first transitional housing program, "A Place of Our Own." They are committed to providing accessible and safe housing for Deaf and Deaf-Blind women and their children.

For more info: www.adwas.org
Videophone: 69.17.111.201



abused Deaf women's advocacy services



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Mission Statement

The Tennessee Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TCDHH) exists to serve as an advocate for culturally appropriate services affecting Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind persons through coordination, public awareness, and consultation in areas of public service, health care, and education and employment.



Deaf?

Have a problem with drugs or alcohol?

Want signed 12 Step & support meetings?

Deaf Off Drugs and Alcohol offers deaf 12 Step & support meetings led by Deaf facilitators.

All you need is a computer with a web-cam,
high-speed internet and an email account.

If interested, for more information, contact Mandie Roseberry:

(866) 326-4761 vp (937) 222-2400 ext 239 v amanda.roseberry@wright.edu

.....MARLEE MATLIN.....

Monday, October 12th Oscar winner Marlee Matlin will be giving a lecture on Access & Diversity from 3-4 p.m. at the Roland Hayes Theatre on the University of Tennessee Chattanooga campus. It will be followed by a book signing from 4- 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Upcoming Events



Fall



DeafNation Expo
Chicago, IL
Saturday, November 7
No Charge.

For more info: www.deafnation.com

**KCD will hold its annual Golf
Tournament at Three Ridges
Golf Course on October 9th.**

For more info:

dhwoods@comcast.net





**"Advocating for Deaf-Friendly Mental
Health Service" Keynote Speaker:**
STEVE HAMERDINGER

October 9. For more info: [sbry-
ant@partnershipfca.com](mailto:sbry-ant@partnershipfca.com)



**The League for the Deaf and Hard of
Hearing is offering workshops for in-
terpreters. For more info:**

www.ldhh.org



RIT Homecoming, Oct. 9-11.

For more info:

www2.rit.edu/brickcity



**L.A.S. Therapy Network
& Development Group.**

**Volunteers are needed for the
6th Annual December Gala
to be held on December 28th.**

For more info:

**[www.lastherapynetwork.
unimwebcenter.com](http://www.lastherapynetwork.unimwebcenter.com)**

